

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/CN2003/000096**, filed **28 January 2003**, which designated the U.S. and the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In the scheme: a. triphenylphosphine, diethyl azodicarboxylate, 2-(N-~~carbobenzyloxy~~tert-butoxycarbonyl-N-methylamino)ethanol, tetrahydrofuran; b. trifluoroacetic acid, dichloromethane; c. 2-fluoropyridine, reflux; d. 1N lithium hydroxide, tetrahydrofuran/methanol (3:1).

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 6, replace (2) with the new (2) below.

(2) (2*R*)-2-[N-(trans-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-[4-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-oxazolyl)ethoxy]phenyl]propionic acid;

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 8, replace (3) with the new (3) below.

(3) (2*S*)-2-[N-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-[4-[2-[N-methyl-N-(2-benzoxazolyl)amino]ethoxy]phenyl] propionic acid;

Page 7, paragraph 1, line 36, replace (16) with the following amended (16).

(16)(2*R*)-2-[N-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-(4-
methoxyphenyl) propionic acid;

Page 13, line 15, replace the paragraph beginning "Using 4-trifluoromethylbenzyl..." with the following amended paragraph.

Using 4-trifluoromethylbenzyl alcohol and compound (*S*)-B as starting materials, ethyl ether as solvent, the captioned compound was prepared following the procedure as of compound 241. Yield : 60.6%. m.p. 171-172°C.
[α]_D²⁵ 53.9 (c, 0.285, CHCl₃).

Page 16, line, 6, replace the first paragraph after "Example 16:" with the following amended paragraph.

(2*R*)-2-[N-(*trans*-4-isopropylcyclohexylcarbonyl)amino]-3-(4-
methoxyphenyl)propionic acid (16)